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Applicant : Yasushi USAMI
Application No.: 09/874,045
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Title : IMAGE PRINTING APPARATUS AND METHOD, COMPUTER- READABLE
STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM FOR PRINTING IMAGES,
IMAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND DATA MANAGEMENT DEVICE

Art Unit: 2622
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Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Enclosed also please find a copy of the European Search Report citing these references. The relevance of these references can be seen from the European Search Report.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached at the telephone number listed below. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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